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Re: Meeting Documentation, Uintah County, Asphalt Ridge Mine, M/047/022, and Crown Asphalt Corporation (Crown), Asphalt Ridge Oil Sands Project, M/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Erickson, and Mr. Norris:

This letter is to document the general agreements reached during the meeting held at the Division offices on November 24, 1998. The meeting was attended by representatives from Uintah County Commission, Uintah County Road Department, Uintah Special Services District, Crown and the Division. A copy of the attendance sheet is attached.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss mining and reclamation responsibilities for specific areas within the existing mining disturbance. The mine disturbance currently includes both the Uintah County Asphalt Mine and the Crown Asphalt Ridge Oil Sands Mine. A preliminary map of the mining disturbance prepared by Crown was presented at this meeting and was the focal point of the discussions. This map included current topography of the area based on aerial photography completed in September 1998. The map delineates areas which Uintah County has disturbed and areas which they have reclaimed. The map also reflects Crown's current permit area and the current disturbances. The current disturbed area border shown on this map would supersede the disturbed area boundaries shown on the previous map included in Crown's large mine operation notice.

A topic discussed during the meeting was the use of overlap areas. These were typically areas which Uintah County had disturbed which Crown would like to utilize. Crown would like to place overburden waste and processed sands on areas which Uintah County is responsible for reclaiming. Placing these materials in these areas benefits Crown by minimizing haul distances and reduces the amount of new disturbance needed for overburden or processed sands. Placement of these materials benefits Uintah County by backfilling some

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mined out areas and providing overburden materials for regrading or substitute growth medium. Representatives of Uintah County at this meeting had no objections to this, provided some kind of working agreement could be drawn up.

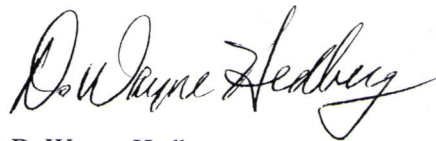
Crown would like to place structures or construct roads on areas Uintah County is responsible for reclaiming. Uintah County representatives have no concerns with this practice provided Crown assumes responsibility for removal or reclamation of their structures at final reclamation. Crown wishes to construct roads through the area Uintah County is responsible for reclaiming.

The meeting concluded with the understanding that Crown and Uintah County would prepare a draft agreement describing active operations and the reclamation tasks and responsibilities for all disturbed areas shown on the map. In addition to working on the agreement, both Crown and Uintah County would work on updating separate mining and reclamation plans for the site. Crown agreed to modify the new map to include a legend with acreages and modify the drawing to clearly show the different types of roads through the site. The Division was to receive and review a copy of the draft agreement and provide comments back to the operators.

Commissioner Herb Snyder mentioned that while he is in agreement with the general content of these proposals he will still need to discuss this with the two new commissioners and receive their concurrence as well. All parties agreed to keep working on the process and established a tentative completion date of 90 days from now (February 1999).

Thank you and your staff for working cooperatively with each other and the Division to resolve these permitting issues.

Sincerely,



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attachment: November 24, 1998 Attendance sheet

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